(b) The financial performance of the above farms during the last three years is indicated below :

(Rs. in lakhs) [Profit (+) Loss(—)]

Name of the Farm	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91
1	2	3	4
Sainj	(—) 0.53	(+) 0.04	(—) 1.68
Kathaganahally	(—) 5.49	(—) 5.50	(—) 8.77
Thangadencha	(—) 20.20	(—) 11.36	(—) 27.49
TOTAL	(—) 26.22	(—) 16.82	(—) 37.94

(c) The major reasons for losses are :

(i) Low yeilds on account of heavy-rouging of off types.

(ii) Increase in the cost of fertilisers, insecticides and other inputs.

(iii) Drainage and irrigation problems.

(iv) Inadequate technical staff support.

(v) Natural calamities.

To improve the working of farms, the following steps have been taken by the management of the Corporation :

(i) Use of genetically pure seeds.

(ii) Production of hybrid vegetable seeds.

(iii) Levelling and maintenance of proper drains for free flow of water.

(iv) Construction of underground pipelines in place of open channels in order to avoid seepage.

(v) Construction of open wells, bore wells, lift irrigation, drip irrigation to ensure timely planting of the crops and proper irrigation.

(vi) For weeding, mechanical and chemical controls are being undertaken.

(vii) Technical staff well experienced in the farm operation and farm management has been posted for efficient administration and management of farm operations.

Production of Wheat in Punjab

757. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of wheat is at its lowest ebb due to militant activities in Punjab;

(b) if so, what was the total production of wheat in Punjab before militant activities;

(c) whether Government have got any proposals to boost up wheat production in Punjab; and

(d) if so, what is the first step in this direction and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The production of wheat in Punjab has increased from 85.5 lakh tonnes in 1981-82 to 123.0 lakh tonnes in 1991-92, showing an increase of 43.9% during the period of 10 years.

(c) and (d) Government of India is implementing Special Foodgrains Production Programme in major wheat growing States including Punjab, since 1988-89. The main objective of the Programme is to increase the production and productivity of wheat in the State. Under the scheme, incentives are provided to the farmers throuph Stale Governments for components like distribution of certified seeds, micro

nutrients, herbicides, plant protection equipments and chemicals, seed treating chemicals, etc. Besides, minikits of 10 legs, of recently released varieties of wheat seeds are supplied to the farmers at fiat rale of Rs. 5/- per mini-kit under Wheal Mini-kit Demonstration Proramme in the State.

Shortage of DMS Milk

758. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the DMS has increased the selling price of their milk since 1st September, 1992;

(b) if so. what are the details thereof and what were the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any shortage of DMS Milk supply at present;

(d) if so. the details thereof; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The sale price of DMS milk has been increased from Rs. 5/- to Rs. 7/- and from Rs. 4.40/- to Rs. 6/- per litre of tonned and double tonned milk respectively. This has been necessitated due to steep increase in the cost of overheads including skimmed milk powder, white butter, butter oil, polythene used as inputs in the recombination of milk, etc.

(c) No. Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise, in view of reply at (c) above.

तिलहनों का उत्पादन

759. **श्री राम नरेश यादव** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में तिलहनों के उत्पादन में कमी आने के कारण इसके मूल्यों में वृद्धि हुई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संकट से निपटने के लिए सरकार ने कितना खाद्यान्न/तेल दूसरे देशों से आयात किया है; और

(ग) चालू वर्ष के दौरान प्रत्येक राज्य को कितना तेल आवंटित किया गया है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुल्लापल्ली रामचन्द्रन) : (क) जी, नहीं । तिलहन उत्पादन में निरन्तर वृद्धि हुई है ।

(ख) तिलहनों के उत्पादन में वृद्धि से, आयातित खाद्य तेल की मात्रा में तीव्रता से कमी आई । तेल वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान केवल 1.68 लाख टन खाद्य तेल का आयात किया गया है ।

(ग) तेल वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान प्रत्येक राज्य के लिए आवंटित खाद्य तेल की मात्रा विवरण में दी गई है ।

विवरण

नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता कार्य एवं सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय द्वारा तेल वर्ष 1991-92 के दौरान आयातित खाद्य तेल का राज्यवार आवंटन

क्रमांक	राज्य का नाम	आवंटित तेल की मात्रा
1	2	3
1	आन्ध्र प्रदेश	11600
2	अरुणाचल प्रदेश	350
3	असम	900
4	बिहार	6000
5	गोवा	2145